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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATICALLY CONDUCTING
HARDWARE INVENTORIES OF COMPUTERS IN A NETWORK**

A method, apparatus, and computer instructions for conducting an inventory of a data processing system. When a basic input output system (BIOS) is launched during a boot process for the data processing system, the basic input output system creates a hardware report of the data processing system. This report is sent to a remote data processing system on the network.